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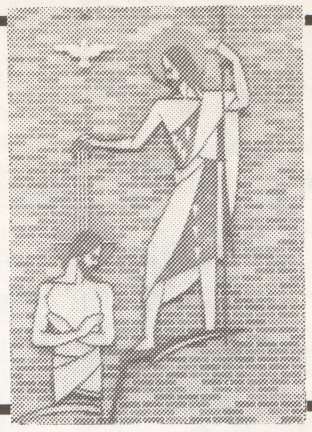
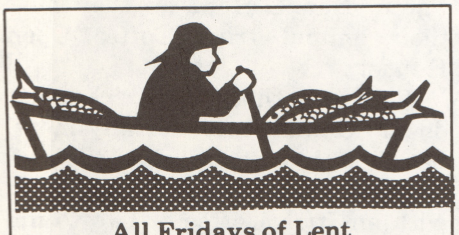


Easter Peace Through Forgiveness

Bishop Povish will preside at a Penitential Service for all the Catholics of this region, in particular those Catholics who have been away from the Sacraments for a long time.

All Catholics are welcome to this Sacramental Celebration of Reconciliation and are invited to bring a friend along. Let us come together and experience the Lord's peace at Easter. Let us come **home** to the Lord.

Date: Palm Sunday, March 19th
Place: St. Francis Church, Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



All Fridays of Lent Are Meatless days

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For daily Lenten Liturgies consult Mass Schedules

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Stations and Benediction Fridays - 7:30 p.m.

Just a Word...

by Fr. Harvey

One of the happy comments that is heard rather consistently here in this parish, particularly from newcomers, is "We feel so much at home in St. John's" or "I really feel welcome in this parish." I would be naive to place those words in everyone's mouth. But I do honestly know that many, many parishioners do try and succeed in creating such an atmosphere. And, as with most everything in this imperfect life, we are always trying to improve present success.

This coming Tuesday evening will mark a new step in our continuing quest to grow as a Christian people. About 40 parish couples/individuals will assemble for a "zone" meeting. From this meeting, hopefully will emerge leader persons in each of the established "zones" within our parish.

What Is A Zone?

A parish zone might be described as a designated "grouping" of families and/or individuals in a particular geographic area of the larger parish who are designated as members of St. John's.

Why Zones?

Many reasons could be listed. With the continual growth of this parish, it becomes increasingly more difficult to maintain the kind of personal contact with parishioners which the members of the Pastoral Team would like to foster. Likewise, the members of our Parish Council find it difficult to represent the "grass-roots" feeling, opinions and desires at the Parish Council level. The zone concept will hopefully be an instrument for communication. Secondly, each particular zone will help foster a greater sense of community among fellow parishioners in the same local area of the greater parish. Besides getting to know each other better I would hope the zone would become the locus for periodic informal meetings with a member of our parish's Pastoral Team. Zone leaders will make sure that parish newcomers are truly welcomed. Particular needs of parish families or individuals could more easily be discovered through the area zones. Those who are sick or are bereaved might find greater support from friends living right in the same neighborhood. The list could continue. The above examples might help describe what an active parish zone could accomplish and how useful it could really be for the benefit of all.

Who Are Zone Leaders?

Over one year ago, some members of the Parish Council "zoned" the geographic area which is established by the Diocese for St. John Parish. During these past few months, present Council members assisted in choosing potential leaders from each designated zone. A list of the zone leaders will be published shortly. Once a parish zone is active, I would hope that each particular zone would elect its own leadership. From that leadership might also emerge candidates for our annual Parish Council election.

Will It Work?

I believe it can. I know that it will with everyone's cooperation. No one needs more structures and more meetings. The zone is not envisaged as a formal structure. Some zones will be more active than others. There is no cumbersome super-plan involved in establishing the parish zones, nor do we hope for such. The individual zones will not in any way replace the established and well-oiled workings of the Parish Council and its five Commissions. Hopefully, the zones will strengthen the workings and the services the Council and Commissions are able to accomplish. At the present time, there are approximately 1100 families and/or individual

households registered in this parish. That means that there are also over 3300 individual persons who comprise this parish. We register about 25 new families each month. Of course, several families move from the parish each year. A parish zone, with active members, would greatly assist in helping integrate new parishioners and allow that warm, welcome feeling to remain alive here in this beautiful parish.

Reminders

1. Parish Directory is now in progress. Appointments for photographs of all parishioners, new and old, are being made now. Let's see your smiling faces!

2. The Catholic Overseas Aid Appeal (Bishop's Relief) scheduled nationally this day, will be taken up on Palm Sunday in order that our Lenten sacrifices may be offered as true gifts of charity to the world's hungry and poor.

3. Fr. Doepker, Sister Carol, Sister Marilyn, Eileen Hageman, Judy Buck and myself, the members constituting our parish's Pastoral Team, will be in seclusion this Monday morning and afternoon for a period of evaluation and future planning - - just in case you might grow frustrated trying to reach one of us.

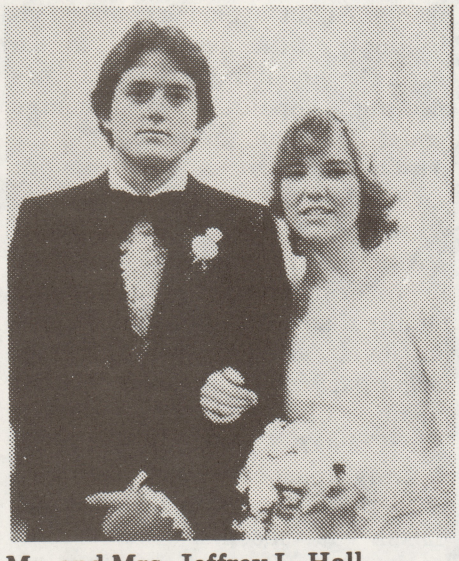
Parish Nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Beltchenko

Mark Beltchenko and Barbara K. Leslie solemnized their covenant of holy marriage during a Nuptial Mass here celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Saturday, February 25, 1978.

The groom is the son of Valentine and Cecilia (Cristofori) Beltchenko of Birmingham. The bride is the daughter of James and Kathleen (Joyce) Leslie of Livonia. The bride's grandmother, Mrs. Maude Leslie resides in this parish and the bride's parents were also married here.

Michael Beltchenko of Grosse Pointe Park and Christine Wight of Livonia were the main attendants. Lectors for the liturgy were Jim Leslie and Mike Harner. A folk group from St. Mary Parish, Milford, provided the joyous song.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey L. Hall

On Saturday evening, February 25, 1978, Jeffrey L. Hall and Rita M. Burch spoke their life-vows of marriage during a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Harvey.

Jeff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hall; the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burch, both families from Ypsilanti. Gary Hall of Ypsilanti and Yvonne Covert of Garden City were the main witnesses. Joseph Burch, Jeanette Oehrlein and Marcie Sandborn, brother and sisters of the bride were the lectors. Mr. Mel Light was organist, accompanying Sister Marilyn, soloist and cantor.

We extend congratulations to these newly-weds and pray for their happiness.

In The Peace of Christ

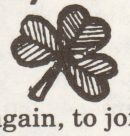
Our Parish offers prayerful sympathy to the Richard Steeby Family who mourns the loss of husband and father. Mr. Steeby died on Friday, February 24, 1978 at the age of 38 years. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in our church on Monday, February 27, 1978 by Fr. Harvey. Burial followed in our parish cemetery.

Dick is survived by his wife, Mary Jean, two sons, Rick and Jeff who also served as lectors for their father's funeral Mass, and one daughter, Sandra, who received her First Holy Communion at her father's burial Mass. Mr. Steeby's mother, Mrs. Dorothy Steeby of Battle Creek also survives her son, as does one brother, Tom.

"The just man, though he die early, shall be at rest. For the age that is honorable comes not with the passing of time nor can it be measured in terms of years." (Wis 4: 7)

Saint Patrick's Day

Irish Coffee Benefit
Friday, March 17
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



It is that time, once again, to join Pat & Nan O'Hara as they host their annual Irish Coffee Open House!

We realize that St. Patrick is not on the Church calendar any more, but then, how many of us are? - A grand time is always had by all; with an Irish Coffee or two to improve your circulation, a few Irish songs to lift your spirits, and those lovely hostesses to serve you: Virginia **Gannon** Daniels, Virginia **Fitz**Parin, Eva **Mc**Krips, Nancy **O'**Wagner, Rita **Meegan** Shemon and Donnie **O'**Stokes!

Remember that on St. Patrick's Day everybody who has ever wanted to be Irish (and who hasn't?) **CAN** be!!! So deck yourself out in a bit o' Green and join in the fun!!!

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Attention: Father Harvey and Father Doepker - If you are reading this article, please **stop immediately!**

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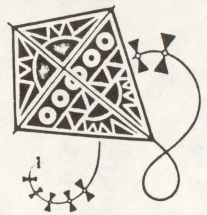
St. John The Baptist, Ypsilanti

*INDICATES WEEKLY SERVICE

MARCH, 1978

ST. JOHN, YPSILANTI

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 *Scripture Class 10:00 - 11:00AM -Bingo- 6:30PM Handbell Ch. 6:30 CHOIR 7:30 PM	2 Passion Drama Rehearsal 7:30	3 Baptism Class 7:30 PM - I Stations and Benediction 7:30PM	4
5 *BABYSITTING 9:00 & 11:00AM *COFFEE & DONUTS after 9 and 11	6 Council Agenda 7:30 - Rectory	7 ZONING MEETING 7:30 PM Liturgy Planning	8 Scrip. Class -Bingo- 6:30 Handbell Choir 6:30 PM CHOIR 7:30 PM	9 Passion Drama Rehearsal 7:30	10 Baptism Class 7:30 PM - II Stations and Benediction 7:30 PM	11 First Penance Retreat 9:30-12:30
12 Baptisms -12:30	13 Parish Council meets 8:00 PM Activity Center DIRECTORY PICTURES THIS WEEK.....	14 Penance Service during class for Grs. 5-8 Liturgy Planning	15-Bingo- 6:30 Penance Service during class for Grs. 5-6 Handbell Choir 6:30PM CHOIR 7:30 PM -SCRIP. CLASS	16	17 Stations and Benediction 7:30 PM Passion Drama Rehearsal 8:30	18
19 AREA PENANCE SERVICE TO BE HELD AT SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH. DIRECTORY PICTURES THIS WEEK.....	20 FIRST PENANCE Service followed by a reception-hall	21 Parish Penance Service 7:30PM Liturgy Planning	22 Scripture Cl. NO BINGO TODAY Seder Meal at 6:00 PM	23 HOLY THURSDAY Holy Thursday Services 8PM	24 GOOD FRIDAY 12:30 Stations 1:30 Liturgy	25 HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil 8:00 PM followed by a reception- hall
26EASTER SUNDAY Masses :7:00 9:00 11:00 12:30PM NO PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES	27 7:30 PM Educ. Commission 8PM-Service Comm	28 Liturgy Planning NO CLASSES EASTER VACATION	29 Scrip. Class -Bingo- 6:30PM CHOIR 7:30 PM	30	31	

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOODS/DONATIONS LAST SUNDAY

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As many of you already know, the "Benefit" part of the Irish Coffee goes to our two fine priests - We furnish a Pot 'O Gold and a large card for you to sign (all donations are tax deductible). It is our small effort to show our appreciation to the priests for their continuing dedication and devoted service to us.

In the past we have attempted to cover part of the parish by sending out letters explaining this, however, due to the high cost of postage and since it seems to be the poorest kept "secret" anyway, we are providing the following form for those of you (Heaven forbid!) who find themselves unable to attend!

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Sorry, I cannot be with you on St. Patrick's Day, however, I would like to do my Bit for the priests' Pot 'O Gold.

My name as I would like it signed on the card is:

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Clip and mail to:
Irish Coffee Committee
c/o Pat & Nan O'Hara
479 Courtland
Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197

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A Good Ending...

Ended: International **boycott** of non-union table grapes, lettuce, wine of Gallo Co. by **United Farm Workers of America** ended. Noted by UFWA President Chavez: Boycott no longer needed since California Agricultural Labor Relations Act (passed 1975) now enabling farm workers to unionize through secret ballot. Grape boycott on since 1968, lettuce since 1970, wines 1973. UFWA now **representing over 200 worker groups.**

Take Time

Take time to work - it is
the price of success.
Take time to think - it is
the source of power.
Take time to play - it is
the secret of youth.
Take time to read - it is
the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to walk - it is
the door to peace.
Take time to be friendly - it is
the road to happiness.
Take time to rest - it is
the healer of tension.
Take time to dream - it is
the highway to the stars.
Take time to look around -
it is a short cut to unselfishness.
Take time to pray - it is
the way to Heaven.
(Benedictine Convent - Clyde, Missouri)

Registrations Address Changes

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Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____

☐ Wish to register
☐ Change of Address
☐ Moving from parish
New Address will be:_____
_____

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Most Rewarding

We have just returned home from our visit with the Vets at the Hospital in Ann Arbor and I must adequately convey their thanks to the kind, generous women of St. John's.

Martha Bemis, Tillie Kramer, Marie Seeger, Mil Kerner, Ann Kelly, Ann Chapman and Margaret Budinger - you provided the lavish selection of cookies and the men enjoyed them so!

Those of us who spent Saturday afternoon were rewarded with good company, new friends and many happy faces who let us know that they were grateful for our efforts. One of those "hundred times the gift" rewards. So it's a **Great Big Thank You!**

Invitations...

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• **Interfaith Council For Peace Clergy and Laity Concerned**

Ronald Mueller, co-author of the best-seller **Global Reach** will speak at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (306 N. Division) on Friday, March 10, at 7:30. Preceding his talk on "World Food Problems and Multinational Corporations," there will be a showing of "Bottle Babies" (6 p.m.) - a film on the abuse of infant formula, and a vegetarian potluck (6:30). Please bring a dish to pass and your own table setting. This is the 3rd in a series of potluck/education evenings hosted by the Ann Arbor Hunger Task Force.

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• **Paper Drive**

Newspaper pickup March 11th and 12th will be for the benefit of the Washtenaw County Catholic Area Bus Fund. Please bring papers to the truck at St. John's parking lot. if it is impossible for you to bring them, please call:
M. Tice at 434-1260
A. Countois at. 483-6249

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• **Ypsilanti High School Presents:**

Meredith Willson's **The Music Man,** an enjoyable musical comedy, set in a down-home Iowa town, with a cast of seventy. It makes excellent family entertainment. Good wholesome fun for church youth groups. Group seating available (call Russ Ogden 482-0293)
March 11, 8 p.m., March 12, 2 p.m.
March 17, 8 p.m., March 18, 8 p.m.
Ypsilanti High School Auditorium
Reserved Seating: Admission $3.00 in advance at Ypsilanti High School or at the door.

Wedding Banns

III - Ralph Gesler and Marion Roe

Worship Commission

Sister Marilyn

As one so newly come to Michigan, there are not too many places I would venture to travel to without the help of a road map and/or the helpful directions of a native Ypsilantian. And even with both the map and directions I sometimes get confused and lose my way.

Today's readings talk about the need for guidance along our faith journey; the need for light and sight (map and directions), and they offer Christ as the light and belief in Him as giving us the sight. HOW??? By really listening to Him and following the directions. Then why do we get lost? With all the helps and aids, with Christ as the guide, why do we often come out somewhere other than our hoped for destination? Often we, like Samuel in the first reading judge by appearances ("That sign couldn't mean that!"), or miss the sign altogether ("Was there a sign back there, officer?"), or close our eyes to the way, the direction because of selfishness or fear ("I know what I'm doing. No map can tell me.") and don't really listen.

Because of our choices, our lights, our sight, our vision, **Our whole life and destiny** are built. It is no small task to stay in the right direction. It takes prayer, reflection, determination, death to self and God's assistance. But can you remember the feeling you experienced when after trying to follow the map you finally arrived at your destination?

Daily Lenten Readings For The Fourth Week of Lent For Your Reflection

Sunday: 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6, 7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Monday: Isaiah 65: 17-21; John 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5: 1-3, 5-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1, 12-22; John 7:1, 2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

The Seder Meal

Where: St. John Church Hall
When: March 22, Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m.
What Is it? Year after year, the Seder meal has helped us relive our beginnings as a people. Customarily celebrated on Holy Thursday (the Thursday before Easter and commemorative day of the Passover) this meal links the **Promise** of the Old Testament with the **Fulfillment** of the New.

Both feasts, Passover for the Jews and Easter for Christians, recognize that all things come from God: light, bread, wine, freedom - all good things. The Jewish prayers are said in a spirit of thanksgiving and blessing, a recognition of the total dependence of each upon God. The Exodus celebrates the Chosen People's freedom from oppression. Each Jew is to become aware of this personally at each Passover. For the Christian, the Paschal season celebrates man's redemption from the effects of sin by Christ's passion and resurrection, and God's gift of grace, especially through Holy Communion. Both are rooted in history and in Scripture to show God's fulfillment of his plan of salvation.

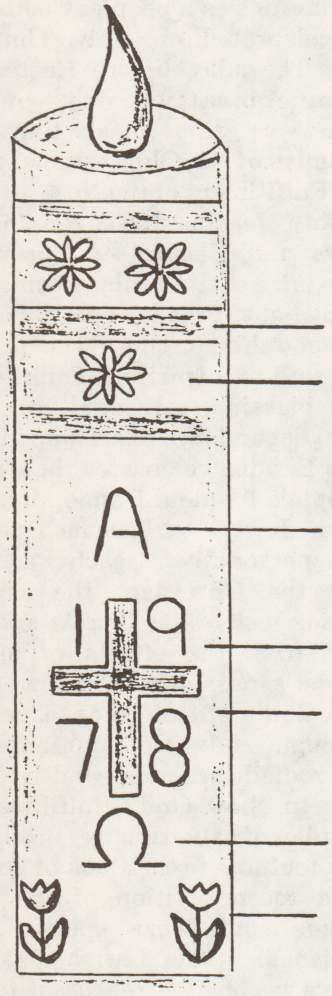
A footnote to the Book of Exodus in a recent edition of the Bible makes some very specific comparisons. "The Jewish Passover hence becomes a rehearsal for the Christian Passover: the lamb of God, Christ, is sacrificed (the cross) and eaten (the Last Supper) within the framework of the Jewish Passover (the first Holy Week.) Thus he brings salvation to the world: and the mystical re--enactment of this redemptive act becomes the central figure of the Christian liturgy, organized around the Mass which is at once sacrifice and sacrificial meal."

Paschal Candle Display

Several examples of decorated Paschal Candles are on display in the back of the church and down in the church hall this weekend. Take the time to look at them. This is a good project to help prepare the entire family to celebrate the happiness and joy of the Easter Sunday. On the Lenten calendar that was mailed to you it was suggested that you light this candle at the family meal celebration on Easter Sunday. You can also burn this candle at other significant times and celebrations during the year.

Paschal Candle

Begin by selecting a round white or ivory-colored candle, about 2-3" in diameter and at least 8" high. The cross and lettering may be drawn or painted on (acrylic paint is best) and you may wish to add your own design with ribbon, appliques, or other decorative trim. Glue fabric items in place or secure with tiny pins.



- grosgrain or satin ribbon
- flower appliqués, purchased or made from felt or other fabric
- "alpha" symbol; drawn, painted, or cut-out and glued
- current year, numerals place in sequence shown
- cross; drawn, painted, or made from thin strips of ribbon
- "omega" symbol
- varied appliqués or decorative trim

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The Worship Commission is looking for mounted animals (i.e., small game or birds) to use on March 25 and 26. Please contact Gene Galley (desert-maker) 482-2800 or Sister Marilyn 483-3360.

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Rehearsal for Passion Enactment - Thursday, March 9th, at 7:30 p.m.

• St. John's Boy Scout Troop No. 240 is looking for interested boys and men. For more information, call 482-3754.

Meatless Fridays Worry You?

Try Arthur Treacher
for Fish and Chips
2469 Washtenaw
Also our Tuesday
Special$1.99

SPRED Program

If you are able to offer a ride to our handicapped young adults twice a month on Tuesday evening so they can attend the Special Religious Education program, we would appreciate your assistance.

It would be a great relief for the adult catechists, who are now transporting them, to have a few minutes before the program begins to pray and prepare for the session.

The locations are on River Street, Forest, and South Grove in Ypsilanti and they need to be at St. John's Religious Education Center at 7:30 p.m. The total time commitment is about 2 hours a month.

The next time the students need rides is Tuesday, March 14. Any further questions, please call:

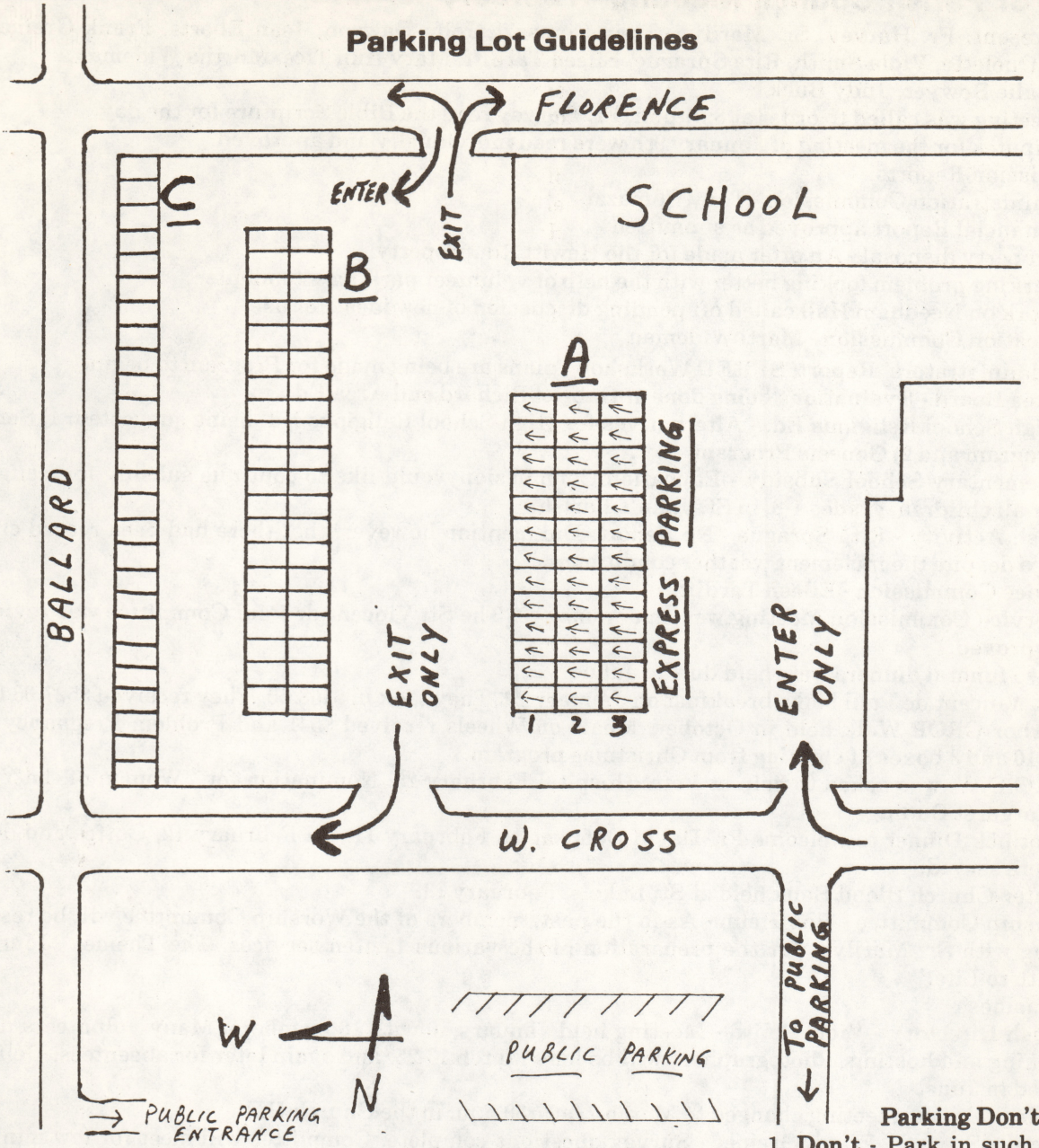
Bob Selinsky ..... 484-1179 (evenings)
Theresa White 485-8035
Denise Rolfe 482-7335

Reminder To Parents

As the end of the school year gets closer, the teachers in our Religious Education Program are noticing the children coming to class later and later. Our Tuesday classes begin at 4:00 p.m. and our Wednesday classes at 4:30 p.m. Please make a special effort to have your children here at the starting time so they can receive the full benefit of the hour class the teachers have prepared.

St. John's Bingo
Wednesdays
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

Parking Lot Guidelines



Please - read the following and review the diagram to familiarize yourself with the guidelines for use of the church parking lot.

We are doing our best to get a maximum number of cars in the lot, maintain an orderly flow into and out of the lot and to prevent "blocking in" of cars.

Parking Do's

1. **Do** - Park in Section 'A' (Express Parking) only if you are leaving immediately after Mass.

2. **Do** - Park in Sections 'B' & 'C' if you are staying after Mass or if 'A' is full.

3. **Do** - Try to use the Cross Street entrance if parking in Express Area ('A').

4. **Do** - Try to use the Florence Street entrance if parking in Section 'B' or 'C'.

5. **Do** - Park in Section 'A' (Express) with your car facing west (Ann Arbor) only.

6. **Do** - Fill in Rows 1 and 2 in Express Parking before parking in Row 3. (Parking in Row 3 first causes us to have to 'back' cars into rows 1 and 2 which is dangerous and awkward)

7. **Do** - Follow directions of Parking Attendants.

8. **Do** - Use the public parking lot if church lot is full.

Parking Don'ts

1. **Don't** - Park in such a way that cars around you cannot get out - unless directed to do so by a Parking Attendant.

2. **Don't** - Park such that your car blocks an aisle or exit.

Handicapped & Disabled

If you are handicapped, disabled or an elderly parishioner we will do our best to park you very close to the church either on the side of the garage if you need the ramp or along the row of hedges next to the rectory.

Thank you all again for your cooperation and patience. If you have any comments or suggestions or would like to volunteer to serve as a Parking Attendant please call Tony Comazzi - 434-3036.

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting - February 13, 1978

Members present: Fr. Harvey, Sr. Marilyn, Tony Comazzi, John Dawson, Jean Eberts, Frank Greiner, Bob Helm, Dick Ouelette, Viola Smith, Rita Sprague, Eileen Tardiff, Mary Ann Tice, Martha Wideman.

Guests: Natalie Bowyer, Judy Buck

I. The meeting was called to order at 8:07 p.m. Fr. Harvey read the Bible Scripture for the day.

II. The minutes for the meeting of January 9th were read individually and approved.

III. Commission Reports:

A. Administration Commission - Tony Comazzi

1. Financial Report approved as submitted
2. Property disposal - An offer made for the Hewitt Rd. property.
3. Parking problem looking better with the help of volunteer parking attendants.
4. Work on Needham Hall called off pending discussion of new ideas for use.

B. Education Commission - Marti Wideman

1. Administrators' Report: SPRED Workshop - plans are being made for Program to begin.
2. Area Board - Evaluations being done at Gabriel Richard and Area Ed.
3. High School Religious Ed. - Alternatives for High School Religious Ed. being suggested: 1) Serendipity Program and 2) Genesis Program.
4. Elementary School Subsidy - Education Commission would like to continue subsidy for Religious Ed. for all children, grades 1-8, in St. John's Parish.

C. Parish Activity - Rita Sprague - No Report. Did mention however, that there had been record crowds for Bingo despite the inclement weather conditions.

D. Service Commission - Eileen Tardiff

1. Service Commission Meeting was on January 23. The St. Vincent de Paul Committee was reviewed and approved.
2. Two funeral dinners were held during January.
3. St. Vincent de Paul had a breakfast on January 29. They took in $168.50. They received $527.06 from Ann Arbor CROP Walk held in October. Meals on Wheels received $541 and Problem Pregnancy received $110 and 3 boxes of clothing from Christmas program.
4. N.C.C.W. was asked to help at Vets' Hospital February 25. Nomination for "Woman of the Year" was Margaret Budinger.
5. Potluck Dinner to welcome Fr. David Doepker on February 11. On February 12, Coffee and doughnuts were served.
6. Inter-Church Blood Bank held at St. Luke's, February 13.

E. Worship Committee - Bob Helm - As in the past, members of the Worship Committee will be responsible, along with Sr. Marilyn, for the preparation of the various Lenten services. The Theme: "Journey from Death to Life."

IV. Old Business

A. Parish Directory - Viola Smith - Meeting held January 10 with 18 members. Many volunteers needed for phoning and hosting. Photographers will be here March 13-25, and again later for absentees. Delivery promised in June.

B. Zoning - Zoning meeting changed to March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall.

C. Opinion Survey - Frank Greiner - Survey questions complete. Committee will meet for few minutes after Council Meeting.

D. School subsidy for parish students. After much debate on this old issue, a motion of clarification was made by Tony Comazzi, "That St. John's Parish will subsidize elementary school children in an amount equal to the amount of subsidy for children, grades 1 thru 8, in the parish religious education program."

V. Questions from Floor - None

VI. New Business

A. Tony Comazzi explained that they are expecting an offer this week on the Hewitt Rd. property. It was agreed that Council had given permission four years ago to the Administration Commission to accept any offer they deemed suitable. The Council merely wishes to be kept informed.

B. A new suggestion was made by the Administration for Needham Hall. Fr. Harvey pointed out that the Youth have no recreational facilities at St. John's. The cost to raze the building is high. If Engineers feel it feasible to re-structure and the cost not too prohibitive, will attempt to go that way. Council enthusiastic. Meanwhile, members decided it should still be boarded up to prevent vandalism and/or injury.

VII. Announcements

A. Agenda Meeting March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

B. Zoning Meeting March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

C. Council Meeting March 13 at 8 p.m.

VIII. Council adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Hines,
Secretary

Intercessory Prayer

Awake, O sleeper,
Arise from the dead
and Christ will give you light.

God's light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it. God is the light of the world. Through Him the world was made, yet the world today does not know who He is. To us He came, yet we reject Him. But, praise God for us who did accept Him; He empowered us to become children of God. We thank you Father for bringing us out of the world of darkness into your everlasting light. For now we can see the beauty of your son, Jesus. Let your light shine upon our Parish team. Let your light shine on the people who have given of their time to enact the passion of our Lord Jesus on Holy Week.

Let your light shine on Christopher and Bobby who came to the Lord's table for the first time.

Let your light shine on our sick, our aged, the rejected and those in suffering.

Let your light shine, for vocations in our parish.

Let your light shine on our Parish Directory Workers who are donating so much of their time.

Let your light shine on Jim and Karen who through their covenant of holy marriage have said yes to you. Jim and Karen always follow the light of Christ.

Let your light shine on Michael and Joseph who began their initiation into the life of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Let your light shine on the 39 newcomers to St. John's. May they seek and hunger for Jesus.

Let your light shine on our journey of life.

Let your light shine on the faithful departed, especially Richard Steeby, Sr. who was buried this past week. May they rest in your eternal life of light.

Let your light shine upon all of us. Open our eyes, our ears and our hearts, so that we can receive your words of life.

May the light of Christ, His peace and love be upon all of us now and forever.

Praise Jesus
David Rocha

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 6 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Margaret Benner, req. by Lucille Meanwell
2:30 p.m. Vincent Southwell, req. by Bridgid Peeper (at Parkview)

Tuesday, March 7 - Lenten Weekday/SS. Perpetua & Felicity
7:00 a.m. John Mongiat, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kramer, Sr.
5:30 p.m. Marie Sinkule, req. by Charlie and Eileen Sinkule

Wednesday, March 8 - Lenten Weekday/St. John of God
7:00 a.m. Marie Sinkule, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Red Wales
9:00 a.m. William Krips, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Groshans

Thursday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday/St. Frances of Rome
7:00 a.m. Alma Monaghan, req. by the Schuch Family
5:30 p.m. Elsie Paffel, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pryce and Family

Friday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Robert Eberts, Sr., req. by Richard Hurley
11:00 a.m. Ralph Gesler and Marion Roe (Wedding)
7:30 p.m. Stations and Benediction

Saturday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. George Beaudette, req. by Marge Walters
5:00 p.m. Grace Battuello (2nd Anniv.) req. by her husband

Sunday, March 12 - Fifth Sunday in Lent
7:00 a.m. Intention of Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Nicholas, Amelia & Thomas Butman, req. by Gene Butman Family
11:00 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. George Barber, req. by Mrs. Vincent Celebrezze
12:30 p.m. James E. Loy, req. by Mrs. Howard Brewington

Financial Barometer

February 26, 1978

Sunday Offering	$3,422.58
Parish Improvement	214.10
Home Missions	642.75
Religious Ed.	187.05
Heritage Fund (Memory of James J. Keegan, Sr.)	330.00

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Each week in March, **America** will offer its widely-respected commentary on the issues of our time. Its regular columnists will offer their views on film, television, and the theatre; and provide an insightful and thought-provoking series of the Lenten season.

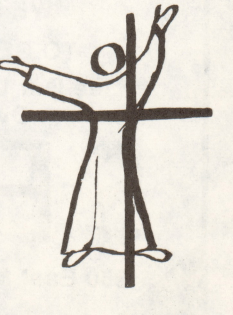
The March **Liguorian** features an intriguing article by Father Adam Otterbein, C.SS.R., about the new studies being done on the Shroud of Turin today. Ralph Ranieri offers a practical article on positive family living; and Father Thomas Cosgrove entertains the Irish and those that wish they were Irish with his delightful story, "The Last Swig of 'Brandy' Fitzgerald."

The second installment of **Marriage and Family Living** two "In Depth" series will be featured in March. Rev. Edward McNulty explains the media's influence on our ideas of Christ in the article "Images of Christ."

The March issue of **Today's Parish** will feature Adult Education, exploring obstacles to adult learning and adult learning through the liturgy. Other articles include: "Evangelize by Mail" - describing how a Houston parish brings the Good News to the whole community - "Stations of the Cross for the Elderly," and "The Lector in Action."

LENTEN ADVICE

Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all life.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from self concern; feast on compassion for others.
Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.



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